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REPORTAGE ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PRINCE SIHANOUK ON 22
MARCH IN PHNOM PENH)

(EDITORIAL REPORT) PRINCE SIHANOUK BEGINS BY ANNOUNCING A REPORT
RECEIVED FROM A FRIEND CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CIA AGENTS IN THE
NEW GOVERNMENT AND ASSEMBLY AND THE FACT THAT CERTAIN KHMER OFFICERS
AND OTHER OFFICIALS WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THE FRIEND
OBTAINED THE NEWS FROM A CIA AGENT NAMED (GEORGES BROWN
MALCOLM) DURING A FLIGHT FROM TOKYO TO SAIGON VIA HONG KONG. THE
FRIEND REPORTED THAT MALCOLM CONFIDED THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE
DECIDED TO ELIMINATE SIHANOUK SOON. HE SAID IT TOOK THE CIA TWO
YEARS TO DEBUNK PRESIDENT SUKARNO.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAYS THE AMERICANS WILL DO THE SAME THING IN
CAMBODIA AS THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE WITH BEN BELLA, NKRUMAH, AND
OTHERS. THE PRINCE GOES ON TO RELATE (MALCOLM'S) STORY THAT THE
AMERICANS WILL USE TRICKERY INSTEAD OF INVADING CAMBODIA AND THAT DE
GAULLE HAS STERNLY WARNED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AGAINST HARMING
SIHANOUK AND CAMBODIA.

PRINCE SIHANOUK SAYS THAT (MALCOLM) PREDICTED THAT "BY THE END OF
THIS YEAR THE COUP WILL SUCCEED DUE TO THE ACCOMPLICES WE HAVE
SECURED IN CAMBODIA," THAT IS, SYMPATHIZERS IN THE KHMER ASSEMBLY
AND GOVERNMENT, ROYAL PALACE, AND TWO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS WITH
LARGE DEPOSITS IN A SWISS BANK WHO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH STAGING
A COUP AGAINST SIHANOUK WITH THE HELP OF THE ARMY. PRINCE SIHANOUK
ASSERTS THAT HE DOES NOT THE NAMES OF THE TWO OFFICERS WHO RECEIVE
MONEY FROM CIA-OPERATED BANK DEPOSITS.

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